

HINTS TO FARMERS.

How to Help One Another—Ever-increasing Knowledge.

MOA, Grand County, Utah.
Jan. 16, 1896.

To the Editor:
You have said that your columns were open to all who had anything of interest to the public. Will you allow me to invite all farmers, horticulturists, apiculturists and stock-breeders to contribute from time to time to your paper what they have learned in their pursuit. By so doing we can learn of others what we have not learned ourselves. If we will tell of our success and our failures, if we can learn by others' experience, we can save many a dollar in writing. Write nothing but what you know, and if we will take notes and exchange them, with another, we can learn a great deal.

The trouble is with a great many farmers, they think there is nothing to learn in farming; but it is the writer's opinion that one can learn something to learn. The first thing to learn is that few of us know our A B C in regard to farming. At one time we had a school teacher here who was one of my boy friends, and he said that he expected to be a farmer. "Well," said the teacher, "you are not a farm economist as there is any one for a farmer to go." What a mistake! They should be the best economists. A farmer should be a good economist to avoid loss, and his land could produce, and when a crop did not do well as it should he could tell what the soil lacked. But a man need not despair because he does not possess a good knowledge of agriculture, for he can soon learn by reading the books on the subject.

Some men think that they can get along without an agricultural paper, they never think there is any advance made in learning by reading through the country you can tell the places where the papers are read by the looks of the surroundings.

I am by the papers that certain parties are trying to get up a division between the Farmers and the Farmers. This will not get down at once. It does not matter if one does happen to have "professor" before his name. We cannot get along without one another. The trouble in the Legislature is there is a lack of law, and the lawyer has the power to make laws.

We have had the sudden winter here we ever have had since the settling of the place. The health of the people is good. The weather is good, except unfortunately by damage of a great deal of snowfall, one saloon took in \$200 a day for two weeks. That is pretty good—far ahead of a place where they do not pull a hundred visits. But the most remarkable feature was from parties who came in to have what they call a good time.

13. W. WARREN.

Agricultural Legislation.

To the Editor:
A legislative committee of seven was chosen at the last meeting of the State Agricultural society. This committee was instructed to ask the farm organizations through the press to send a master bearing on legislation of interest to farmers. The committee was further instructed to put these matters in proper form and lay them before the Legislature and work to get laws passed to implement in all the measures passed by the law-making body.

In accordance with these instructions we heartily invite the public to work for the same and give suggestions to the individual members of the committee. The bill may seem bold. Though any master may be sent, it was particularly desired that the farmers express themselves in regard to the solution of the school land question and to irrigation laws.

The school lands, if settled before survey, as shown in the bill and set out on the sub-district, are subject to homestead and thence the only way to get the school lands is to have the legislature have been received to withdraw and claim that by error they located on a school section; that these errors were caused through incorrect surveys, incorrect staking, and otherwise, is the only option left. This will be done by the bill of the government agents, the writer may however, while if the error occurred from other causes, the legislature would not hold good. In any case the bill will be introduced by establishing a town. Six residence of ten, twenty or even forty years, the department will sustain everything possible in his favor. The only way to test the case is to apply to the land office for a certificate.

As to the disposition of the school lands by the Legislature, the farmers are especially requested to express their opinions. In doing this I request all to remember that these lands have been bought without payment of rent or taxes and that the schools must be kept up by direct taxation alone from the funds furnished by the interest on the money from the sale of the lands.

Irrigation, after nearly fifty years of peaceful development, is now one of the foremost topics in proposed legislation. The cause of this violent stirring up is the presence of so many water companies, who will hold and operate the water and will sell and profit by the water. The Governor's message occurs the following in regard to laws on irrigation: "For the filing and recording of rights of water, for the appropriation and the use of water." And this would be a very disastrous matter to bring about were it possible. This was attempted years ago, and after costing the territory and the farmers millions of dollars, the water companies were worthless, and it was stated at our meeting that in the Salt Lake county files there were a great number of certificates that were never recorded, for after they were made up of record, the water companies were thought well nigh impossible to effectively file and record rights after more than half a century. It would be well for the Legislature to intelligently investigate this matter and give their decision in the matter.

Attention is called to farmers now to see that the Legislature will not be swayed and that the new law and the coming legislation will not be swayed and the holding of farmers' institutes, I was thought desirable that once or twice during the session the legislature committee visit the capital and call on friends in the legislature in

making objections to proposed measures. If this is done it will be necessary to raise some funds to help the committee. The best way to do this is to ask the president of each county to forward as much \$10 at once and then to keep back the money from the first twenty members from his county. The State society and organizations together as possible. The society is now out of cash and the executive committee hope to keep it so but the treasurer has no money.

An announcement in regard to legal action should be made as soon as possible. The attorney general should be asked to act in the present at Logan. All money should be sent to P. A. Dix, secretary and treasurer, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Respectfully, A. A. MILLS,
President, Utah State Agricultural Society.

WESTERN LAND OFFICES.

Bethelton is Free, Not Looked Upon With Pleasure.

Denver Republican: The officials of the local United States Land Office are preparing to pursue against a bill which has been introduced in Congress reducing the fees in the Western and Pacific office to a level with those charged in the Eastern states. It is not yet out before the Senate, but it is expected to be a farmer. "Well," said the teacher, "you are not a farm economist as there is any one for a farmer to go." What a mistake! They should be the best economists. A farmer should be a good economist to avoid loss, and his land could produce, and when a crop did not do well as it should he could tell what the soil lacked. But a man need not despair because he does not possess a good knowledge of agriculture, for he can soon learn by reading the books on the subject.

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